

REAR ADMIRAL CARL FREDERICK ESPE

Carl Frederick Espe was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1900. He was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1922 and commissioned Ensign to rank from June 3, 1922, and subsequently, advanced to the rank of Rear Admiral to date from April 1, 1949. During World War II, he was successively: Commanding Officer of the destroyer USS O'Brien; Navigator of the USS Ranger; aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Commander, Destroyer Squadron 46; Commander, Destroyer Division 91. For services while in the last two assignments, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Legion of Merit with Combat "V," the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," and a Gold Star in lieu of the Second Legion of Merit, also with Combat "V." Returning to the Navy Department in January 1946, he had temporary duty in the Bureau of Naval Personnel after which he reported as Assistant Chief of Operational Intelligence, Naval Intelligence Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He remained there until May 21, 1948 when he assumed command of Destroyer Flotilla ONE. Between February and June 1949 he attended a course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and upon completing his instruction was assigned the following month to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for duty as Deputy Director of the Naval Intelligence Division. In September 1951 he became Commander Amphibious Group ONE, and continued to command that group until November 1952, when the next month was assigned duty as Director of the Naval Intelligence Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, where he continues to serve.

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